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1. (currently amended) A method for tracking and disseminating information concerning tools using a network-based system including a server and at least one device connected to the server via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information concerning the tool from a user via the device;
comparing the received product specification information with pre-stored information on tools; and

displaying information related to the tool comprising displaying a useful remaining life of the tool.

2. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of receiving tool information further comprises the step of receiving information pertaining to features selected by the user.

3. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said step of receiving information pertaining to features selected by the user further comprises the step of receiving information regarding at least one of a part name, part number, and a name of a plant that manufactures the part.

4. (currently amended) A method for tracking and disseminating information concerning tools using a network-based system including a server and at least one device connected to the server via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information concerning the tool from a user via the device A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of receiving tool information data from a user further comprises comprising the step of receiving a funding request for the tool;

comparing the received product specification information with pre-stored information on tools; and

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displaying information related to the tool.

5. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said step of receiving tool information data from a user further comprises the step of receiving approval or disapproval in response to a funding request for the tool.

6. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool further comprises the step of displaying a funding request pertaining to the tool.

7. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool further comprises the step of displaying a specification for the tool.

8. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool comprises the step of displaying a price for the tool.

9. (currently amended) A method for tracking and disseminating information concerning tools using a network-based system including a server and at least one device connected to the server via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information concerning the tool from a user via the device;

comparing the received product specification information with pre-stored information on tools; and

displaying information related to the tool ~~A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool comprises comprising the step of displaying information pertaining to the process by which the tool is made.~~

10. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool further comprises the step of displaying a name of a plant where the tool is manufactured.

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12. (further) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool further comprises the step of displaying a condition of the tool.

13. (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying information related to the tool further comprises the step of displaying a quote for the tool.

14. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the product specification information is received from the user via a graphical user interface.

15. – 21. (canceled)